

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A grinding, polishing or paring machine with horizontally or vertically arranged working area formed between a rotor fitted with tools and a perforated basket (5), the product outlet of which can be sealed with a baffle plate (12), and wherein the rotor is designed as a hollow shaft with air through openings, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the baffle plate (12) can be continuously actuated by means of a membrane drive (13).
2. (Currently Amended) A grinding, polishing or paring machine with vertically arranged working area formed between a rotor fitted with tools and a perforated basket (5), wherein the rotor is designed as a hollow shaft (8) with air through openings, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the hollow shaft (8) has an upper and a lower air inlet (9, 10).
3. (Currently Amended) The grinding, polishing or paring machine according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the air through openings are longitudinal, running in the axial direction.
4. (Currently Amended) The grinding, polishing or paring machine according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rotor is wedge-shaped.

5. (Currently Amended) The grinding, polishing or paring machine according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the hollow shaft (~~8~~) has an upper and a lower air inlet (~~9, 10~~).
6. (Currently Amended) The grinding, polishing or paring machine according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the product outlet of the working area can be sealed by means of a movable baffle plate (~~12~~).
7. (Currently Amended) The grinding, polishing or paring machine according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the baffle plate (~~12~~) can be actuated by means of a membrane drive (~~13~~).
8. (New) The grinding, polishing or paring machine according to claim 2, wherein the air through openings are longitudinal, running in the axial direction.
9. (New) The grinding, polishing or paring machine according to claim 2, wherein the rotor is wedge-shaped.